

Raccoon State Recreation Area

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All children under the age of 12 must be
accompanied by an adult.

**These programs are designed to entertain
and enlighten folks of all ages.**

Friday, July 10th

9am **Roving Naturalist** - Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them.

11:30am **Natures Nasties** - Come learn about some of Mother Nature's less appreciated children. 30 – 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

2pm **Hoosier Quest** - Come learn how you can get started or continue with this new “Park Patch” program, you get to learn about nature and earn cool stuff! 30- 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

Saturday, July 11th

Dog Days of Summer/Woodworkers Weekend @ Mansfield Village!

Come down to Mansfield with your four legged friend and spend some time browsing the vendors and admiring the mill. Sorry, pets are not allowed inside the Historic Mansfield Roller Mill.

9am **Hummmming Birds!** – How can they be so small and move so fast? We'll explore the amazing world of these flower kissers. 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

3pm **Hoosier Quest** - Come learn how you can get started or continue with this new “Park Patch” program, you get to learn about nature and earn cool stuff! 30- 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

6 pm **Nature Journals** - Come make a cool journal that you can take with you to remember your time here at Raccoon. 30 – 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

9pm **Night Time Critters** – Blind as a bat, Smart as an owl and Sly as a fox. These are some of the common expressions about our creatures of the night. Tonight we'll learn a little more about how they are able to work in the dark. 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter Amphitheatre**

Sunday, July 12th

9am **Whistle Pigs?** – You see them all over the park now come out and learn a little about these pesky animals. 30 - 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

11:30am - **Hoosier Quest** - Come learn how you can get started or continue with this new “Park Patch” program, you get to learn about nature and earn cool stuff! 30- 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

2:00pm – **Naturalist in the Sand** – Watch for the naturalist near the beach concession stand to see some cool critter that calls this park home.

Friday, July 17th

9am **Creature Feature** – Come see what animal the naturalist has brought with them and learn what makes it so special. 30 - 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

11:30am **Bird Bait** - Come make a cool pinecone birdfeeder to take with you. 30 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

2pm **Hoosier Quest** - Come learn how you can get started or continue with this new “Park Patch” program, you get to learn about nature and earn cool stuff! 30- 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

5pm **Roving Naturalist** - Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Campground**

7pm **Tracks & Signs** - We'll look at the tracks of some common animals to the park and help to develop your skills as a tracker. Also, make and take some ink prints of the tracks you see. 30 – 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

9pm **Freaky Folklore** – Come sit around the fire and share some stories of haunted happenings. 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter Amphitheatre**

Saturday, July 18th

9am **Roving Naturalist** - Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Campground**

11:30am **Animal Adaptations** - Let's take a look at some of the unique features different critters have. **45 min. Bluebird Shelter**

3pm **Snake Bingo** – Come learn a little about Indiana's native reptiles while playing an old game with a new twist. **30 min. Chapel Shelter**

6pm **Lightning Bugs, Nature's Fireworks** – Learn what makes a lightning bug light up like fire in the sky. **45 min. Chapel Shelter**

9 pm – **Night Hike** – Enjoy an evening stroll where you learn to use all of your senses. Leave your flashlights and other lighted goodies at camp for this hike! 45 mins. – 1 hr. **Chapel Shelter**

Sunday, July 19th

9am **Rainbow Hike** - Meet at the *camp store parking lot*. Make a natural color palette while on the trail. **Moderate hike 45 min.**

11:30 am - **Hoosier Quest** - Come learn how you can get started or continue with this new “Park Patch” program, you get to learn about nature and earn cool stuff! 30- 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

2:00pm – **Naturalist in the Sand** – Watch for the naturalist near the beach concession stand to see some cool critter that calls this park home.

Friday, July 24th

9am **Roving Naturalist** - Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them.

11:30 am **Natures Nasties** - Come learn about some of Mother Nature's less appreciated children. 30 – 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

2 pm **Turtle Talk** – We'll explore the amazing world of these heavily fortified reptiles. 30- 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

Saturday, July 25th

9am **Calling All Frogs** – We'll learn a little about these amazing amphibians and then take a short walk to try and find some. 30 – 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

11:30am **The Green Menace!** - Come see the destructive pest called the *Emerald Ash Borer* and learn what you can do to help stop it. 30 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

2pm **Flower Power** – Our wildflower field has some pretty cool plants in it. Let's take a hike and see what we can find. 30-45 mins. **Bluebird Shelter in Bill Hill Picnic Area**

5 pm **Nature Journals** - Come make a cool journal that you can take with you to remember your time here at Raccoon. 30 – 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

7pm **Roving Naturalist** - Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Campground**

9 pm **Night Hike** – Enjoy an evening stroll where you learn to use all of your senses. Leave your flashlights and other lighted goodies at camp for this hike! 45 mins. – 1 hr. **Chapel Shelter**

Sunday, July 26th

9am **Creature Feature** - Come see what animal the naturalist has brought with them and learn what makes it so special. 30 - 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**

9am **Pinecone Bird Feeders** - Come make a cool pinecone birdfeeder to take home with you. 30 min. **Chapel Shelter**

2:00pm – **Naturalist in the Sand** – Watch for the naturalist near the beach concession stand to see some cool critter that calls this park home.



Rising three and a half stories from a sandstone foundation on the banks of Big Raccoon Creek in Parke County, Indiana, is the Historic Mansfield Roller Mill. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the mill exemplifies the transitional period in milling that accompanied a change from stone to roller grinding.

The Historic Mansfield Roller Mill is located six miles south of U.S. 36 off S.R. 59 in Mansfield, Indiana. It is approximately 6 miles from Raccoon State Recreation Area.

The mill is open Wednesday through Sunday 9am – 5pm.

You can also contact the park office at (765) 344-1412 to schedule guided or group tours.